Midd' ff. *Ad General' Quarterial' Seſſion' Pacis Dom'* Regis & Reginæ, *tent' prò Com.* Midd. *apud* Hicks-Hall *in St.* John's-ſtreet, *in Com. præd' die Mercurii ſcilicet decimo tertio die* Januarii *Anno Regni Dom'* Gulielmi & *Dom'* Mariæ *nunc Regis et Reginæ* Angliæ &c. *tertio coram* Jacobo Mundy *Armig'* Carolo Lee *Mil.* Johanne Elwes *Mil.* Johanne Bucknal *Mil.* Lanceloto Johnſon, Jacobo Cardrow, Henrico Hawley, Rogero Jennings, Roberto Fielding, Nicholao Grice, Ambroſio Iſted, Gulielmo James, Johanne Wilſon, Theophilo Eyton, Thoma Smith, Roberto Fairbeard, Georgio Bohun, Gulielmo Underhill, Gulielmo Alleſtry, Johanne Ward, Tho. Rowe *Mil.* Tho. Johnſon, Johe. Robins Rich. Woodward, Tho. Harriot, Tho. Franklin, *Armig' et aliis ſociis ſuis Juſticiar' Dictorum Dom' Regis et Reginæ, ad pacem in Com' præd' conſervand' nec non ad diverſ' Felon. Tranſgreſ. et al' Malefact' in eodem Com. perpetrat. audiend. et terminand. aſſign,* &c.

WHereas the *Queens* moſt Excellent Majeſty was graciouſly pleaſed out of Her pious and princely Zeal to Suppreſs the Prophanation of the *Lords-Day*, Drunkenneſs, Swearing and Curſing, and all other lewd, enormous and diſorderly Practices, by Her Pious Letter, bearing Date the 9th day of *July* laſt, did re-mind us of our Duty; and thereby enjoyn the Obſervation of the Laws of the Land now in Force againſt the ſaid Vices: Which was received by this Court with the greateſt Thankfulneſs and Satisfaction. And in obedience thereunto, We did by Our Order, bearing Date the Tenth day of the ſame Month Command all High-Conſtables, Petty-Conſtables, Churchwardens, Headboroughs, and all other Officers, to be diligent in the Execution of the Laws againſt all ſuch Offenders, and cauſe them to be Convicted, and to undergo the Penalties by the ſaid Laws appointed; and to give account thereof at the ſeveral Petty-Seſſions to be thereafter held for this County, which We then reſolved frequently to hold for that Purpoſe, and hoped from thence that Our Endeavours would have had a good effect. But ſince that, by the raſh and unadviſed actings of ſeveral Perſons pretending great Zeal, many illegal and irregular Warrants of Conviction have been iſſued out againſt a multitude of innocent Perſons, for ſuffering Tippling in their Houſes, and Exerciſing their ordinary Callings on the *Lords-day*, without Summoning or Hearing their Defences whereby it might appear, whether they were Works of Charity or Neceſſity; Or duly weighing the Circumſtances of the reſpective Caſes, and thereby condemning the guiltleſs with the guilty, which hath exceedingly hindred the good Purpoſes intended by the ſaid Order and deterred ſeveral well-diſpoſed People from Informing, or Acting therein. And foraſmuch as this Court hath from time to time, received many repeated Complaints from divers *Inn-holders*, *Victuallers* and others, who have greatly ſuffered by ſuch oppreſſive Proceedings. This Court for remedy of the ſaid *Miſchief*, and to the end that ſo religious an *Intention* may not miſcary, doth reſolve to encourage all manner of legal Information, touching the Suppreſſing and Punishment of the ſaid *Vices*, purſuant to their former Order; But are of Opinion, That the Conviction for continuing Tippling, or for Exerciſing their ordinary Callings on the *Lords-day*, ought not to be made on any Perſon or Perſons before a *Warrant* or *Summons from a Juſtice of Peace* of this County be firſt had and ſerved on the Perſon accuſed, and Oath made of ſuch Service, that the Perſon ſo accuſed may be firſt heard, and the convicting Juſtice thereby enabled to make a true Judgment of the *Circumſtances* of every ſuch *Accuſation* before he makes his *Conviction*. And for a due Encouragement to all ſuch Informers, *This Court doth hereby unanimouſly agree to deliver all ſuch Summons under their Hands and Seals* Gratis *to any Perſons requiring the ſame*. And for the better Encouragement of all *Churchwardens*, *Conſtables*, and other *Officers* in ſearching for, and obſerving ſuch *Prophaners* of the *Lords-Day*, We their *Majeſties* ſaid Juſtices of the Peace do hereby further reſolve, that in our ſeveral and reſpective *Diviſions*, We will from time to time on *requeſt*, or, *as We ſee occaſion*, go along with them in *Perſon* in our ſeveral *Pariſhes* where we reſide to ſearch the ſeveral *Ale-houſes*, and other *Places* ſuſpected to entertain *People* to *continue Tipling*, or otherwiſe *prophaning the Lords-Day*: And this *Court* doth require all *Conſtables*, *Headboroughs*, *Churchwardens* and *Overſeers of the* Poor, and all other their *Majeſties Officers* to attend the ſaid *Service*, and to apply themſelves to the diligent ſearch after ſuch *Offenders* againſt the ſaid *Laws*, and all ſuch *Informers* who gave former *Informations* before any the *Juſtices of the* Peace of this *County* againſt any ſuch *Perſons* ſo offending (they proceeding in ſuch a *Legal Way* as aforeſaid) ſhall receive due *Encouragement* and *Protection* from Us in our ſeveral *Diviſions* within this *County*: And ſuch *Victuallers* and *Ale-houſe-keepers*, as ſhall by the *Examinations* and legal *Methods* and *Proofs* aforeſaid, be duly *convicted* for ſuffering *Perſons* to continue *Tippling* in their *Houſes*, ſhall not only incur the *Penalty* of 10 *s.* but be Suppreſſed for three Years, according to the *Direction* of the *Stat.* in that Caſe made and provided.

*And it is Orderd by this Court, That the* Clerk *of the* Peace *for this County, do forthwith cauſe this* Order *to be Printed, and affixed upon the great Gates of* Hick's Hall, *the Church-Doors, and all other Publick Places of each Pariſh, within this County; and to be diſtributed to the ſeveral High-Conſtables within this County, who are Ordered by this Court, forthwith to ſend the ſame to the ſeveral Petty Conſtables, Church-wardens, and Headboroughs, within their ſeveral Diviſions, to the end, that Publick Notice may be taken thereof.*

*per Cur'*

HARCOURT.

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